<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>:

Please replace the paragraph at page 21, lines 6-25, with the following amended paragraph.

Thus, in a second embodiment of the present invention, in the selection between 6/3/3 type and 6/6/6 type is determined in accordance with the image sensing condition of the original image. That is to say,

• when the original image is the moving image, quantization DCT coefficients of 6/3/3 type [[is]] <u>are</u> selected; and

• when the original image is the still image, quantization DCT coefficients of 6/6/6 type [[is]] <u>are</u> selected.

The judgement whether the original image is the moving image or the still image may be effected on the basis of ~~MINE~~ <u>MIME</u> TYPE of the original image data, a file name or an extension element, and for example, when the present invention is applied to a conventional digital video device capable of image sensing both the moving image and the still image, such judgement may be effected on the basis of an image sensing mode (designated by the user through a dial, for example).